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SUBJECT: AGIP EMPLOYEES RELEASED SAFELY

REF: A. LAGOS 1029

[1](#)B. 1043

Classified By: Consul General Brian L. Browne for Reasons 1.4 (D & E)

[1](#)1. (SBU) ConocoPhillips, a joint venture partner of AGIP, said approximately forty AGIP employees and Nigerian military held by local youths at the AGIP flow station in Bayelsa State since 25 July had been released on July 30. Nigerian press quoted a government aide saying that no ransom was paid, but that the youths were given assurances their demand - the signing of a new memorandum of understanding - would be met.

[1](#)2. (C) Comment: ConocoPhillips noted both AGIP and its Italian parent company, ENI, kept a tight lip regarding the negotiations, terms of agreement, and any possible payments. ConocoPhillips knows little more than the issue has been resolved. End comment.

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